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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kikuji Horiuchi

Serial No.: 10/693,492

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: October 27, 2003

Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes

For: ARTIFICIAL ROOT OF A TOOTH

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 81.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 14 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.